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Plymouth Canton students exceed national goals

> *All stakeholders in P-CCS collaborate to meet the needs of our students, despite great challenges like a global pandemic.*

Students at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are meeting or exceeding student performance rates in Michigan and nationwide in several subjects, including reading, math, science and social studies, according to an analysis by district administrators.

School officials said the exceptional achievement by Plymouth Canton students defies both national and statewide trends three years into the COVID-19 pandemic, which has resulted in lost learning for students in Michigan and across the country, according to national studies.

"At Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, we work tirelessly to help ensure our students can continue to learn and achieve and that means innovating and stepping up to deliver a world-class education that can help our students succeed even during a global pandemic," Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica Merritt said. "P-CCS teachers, staff, administrators, students and families put learning first and found solutions to help all students reach their fullest potential."

District administrators released a detailed analysis of student performance as part of the district benchmark assessment goals, which help inform comprehensive needs assessment and teaching and learning programs. Using data from a national evaluation as well as the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), the analysis showed that each Plymouth Canton grade level, in aggregate, is performing at or above the national average range in achievement as measured by the Fall 2022 national Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA).

All district student demographic groups are meeting or

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Back in class

Last month, Westland police officers and supervisors completed in-person training. Classes included sessions on Fair and Impartial Policing and Traffic Stop Safety along with a review of previous training. The subject matter focused on implicit biases, acknowledging them and managing them. Officers attended afternoon classes reviewing basic safety practices while conducting traffic stops. In a prepared statement supervisors noted that the Westland Police Department constant education of officers and supervisors while following guidelines set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). Monthly department training will continue through 2023.

Vision specialist accused of sex assaults of children

A former vision specialist working in area school districts is facing charges of criminal sexual conduct in assaults on several children.

James Adam Baird, 43, of Plymouth, has been charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and three counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct in the alleged molestation of four girls between the ages of 10 and 15. The children were blindfolded and assaulted during eye examinations performed at area schools between 2018 and 2020, according to charges filed by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

Prosecutors allege that Baird sexually assaulted a 10-year-old victim multiple times at about noon Jan. 4, 2018 at Douglas Elementary School in Garden City. The assaults took place during a vision examination performed by Baird, prosecutors said.

Baird is charged with a second assault of a Westland student at Marshall Upper Elementary School on March 1, 2018. Prosecutors claim that Baird blindfolded the then 13-year-old victim before sexually assaulting her during a vision test.

The former teacher is also accused of assaulting an 11-year-old girl during an eye examination performed at Douglas Elementary School in May of 2019. He is also alleged to have sexually assaulted a 15-year-old student at Stevenson Middle School in Westland.

Parents of four of the children have filed civil lawsuits against Baird, claiming that he was a vision mobility specialist who worked with children who had vision impairments. During the school day, he is accused of putting goggles on the victims' heads that block light, called occluders, before assaulting the young girls. The lawsuits claim officials from the respective school districts authorized an investigation into the alleged assaults but did not notify them that their daughters had been victimized.

Baird was arraigned on all four cases two in 18th District Court in Westland and two in 21st District Court in Garden City. Baird was given a $100,000 personal bond by Judge Sandra Cicirelli in Westland and must wear a GPS tether, if released from jail. In Garden City he was given a $15,000 personal bond and must wear a GPS tether, if released from jail.

His next court dates are scheduled for Feb. 9 and Feb. 27.

James Adam Baird

Inkster - Romulus

Inkster celebrates renovation of former 'eyesore'

Inkster city officials last week helped celebrate the opening of a new apartment complex at the site of a former structure deemed an eyesore and condemned by building inspectors.

One and two bedroom apartments will be available for lease soon at the new complex at 25911 Michigan Ave. the former site of the Rode-Way Motel, which was condemned by the city several years ago. Officials said the motel had become an eyesore in the community and was a known drug and prostitution location.

The new apartment complex, developed by AAHM Investments, led by Majed and Jennifer Mehdi, features 32 units and is a mix of studio, one and two bedroom apartments. The structure was demolished to the lumber studs of the building and new plumbing, electrical, heating, cooling, drywall, flooring, paint and high-end finishes installed. Construction has been under way since the Mehdi's purchased the site in 2021, officials said.

> *We want to see more properties that resemble this project in Inkster.*

"I want this building to look like it could be located in Birmingham," Majed Mehdi said.

"This project is going to be a great entry point to welcome people to a new and improved apartments on Michigan Avenue. The city of Inkster is in a transformational period. My administration is committed to eliminate roadblocks and encourage entrepreneurship. This project will increase opportunities and developers will start to look at the city of Inkster differently," said Mayor Patrick Wimberly.

Construction is nearly complete, and units will be available for lease this spring, according to a prepared statement from city officials.

"The administration is working diligently to educate our business owners of city ordinances and encourages compliance. However, we will no longer tolerate a lack of deference to the law. We want to see more properties that resemble this project in Inkster," said Mayoral Executive Assistant Saif Alsenad.

Former city mayor's sentencing expected this week

Former Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff is expected to be sentenced to prison this week by Federal District Judge Denise Page Hood following his guilty plea to charges he misspent political campaign funds and wire fraud.

During a hearing last week, however, Burcroff's attorney, Walter Piszczatowski argued that the 16-month prison sentence requested by federal prosecutors should be no more than 6 months based on the amount of money actually misspent.

> *Prosecutors claimed that Burcroff spent $15,000 from campaign donations including $6,000 for his daughter's wedding.*

Piszczatowski told the court that the amount claimed by U.S. attorneys was less than the government had calculated. Prosecutors claimed that Burcroff spent $15,000 from campaign donations including $6,000 for his daughter's wedding, more than $3,000 on a Florida vacation and $11,600 at the Belleville Yacht Club for dues and expenses.

In court last week, however, Piszczatowski argued that the Florida trip was partially a business expense as Burcroff attended a meeting to discuss healthcare costs that could be of benefit to Romulus. Piszczatowski also said that Burcroff's daughter's wedding was also a campaign victory party, making it a legitimate campaign expense.

If the attorney's arguments are accepted by the judge and less than the $21,000 was improperly spent, it could lessen Burcroff's sentence.

Piszczatowski told reporters than he believes the range should be no higher than 6 months and could be probation.

LeRoy Burcroff

Public safety raffle continues

There are still spots available for the Romulus Public Safety Foundation benefit raffle. For a $20 donation, players will have a chance to win a daily cash prize throughout the month of February. Winning numbers come from Michigan evening three-digit lottery drawing. If the numbers drawn match the player's ticket stub, they win the prize for that day, ranging from $75 to the top prize of $500. To enter, contact the Romulus Fire Department at (734) 941-8585.

Top ticket sellers for the Winter Raffle are: Julie Merritt Allison, Shannon McGrath, Robert McLachlan, Vanessa Malloy, Thomas Haynes, Jessica Cyburt Ladach, Julius Rea, Aleisha Buchanan, Jason Korby, Aaron Ladach, Nick Bishop and Chief David Allison. Support for the fund raising effort also came from Public Service Credit Union and Cuda Uniforms. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the Romulus police and fire departments.

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Charter Township of Northville
Wayne County, Michigan

Notice of Public Hearing:
Thursday, February 16, 2023
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for
Seven Mile Road Trail

The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Assembly Room located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, regarding the funding for the construction of a proposed trail along Seven Mile Road, between Hines Park Trail (west of Northville Road) and an existing pathway (approximately 3,300 feet west of Haggerty Road).

If you are unable to attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the attention of Roger Lundberg, Clerk, Northville Township, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 or rlundberg@twp.northville.mi.us.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb
Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo, Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #23-001** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   B. **Res. #23-002** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   A. **Res. #23-003** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the Administration and extend bid award RFP 20/21-04 with Thalner Electronics Labs, DBA Tel Systems, for Phase 2 updating of the City Council Chambers in the amount of $10,363.40 and the improvements to the control room in the lower level of City Hall including materials and labor in the amount of $56,253.76 for a total award of $66,617.25 with a 15% contingency in the amount of $9,992.59 to be used in the event of any unforeseen costs. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #23-004** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-10 in the amount of $81,500.00 for extension of RFP 20/21-04 Council Chamber AV System Improvements. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment - None**
9. **Unfinished Business - None**
10. **New Business** - *Please see the Clerk's Office for a complete copy of Minutes*
11. **Communication** - *Please see the Clerk's Office for complete copy of Minutes*
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 3, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22/23-17 Underbody Scraper Blades
ITB 22/23-18 Two Year Contractual Services Agreement - Tree Cutting & Stump Removal
ITB 22/23-19 Cemetery and City Alley Grass Cutting

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless mad
(2) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 PM Local Time, February 16, 2023.
(3) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(4) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(5) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time **2/28/2023**, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
(8) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety and Development; Colleen Dumas - Recreation Director;

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #23-005** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   A. **Res. #23-006** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and adopt the resolution accepting the DNR Passport Grant for enhancements at Mary Ann Banks Park in the amount of $112,400.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Kevin Krause, Director of Community Safety & Development, presented a PowerPoint on the upgrades to Mary Ann Banks Parks using the funds secured through the DNR Passport Grant.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk** - *Please see Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes*
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - *Please see Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes*
9. **Unfinished Business** - *Please see Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes*
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Warrant**
    A. **Res. #23-007** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 23-01 for checks presented in the amount of $214,650.88.
    Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
12. **Communication** - *Please see Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes*
    Res. #23-008 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adopt a resolution in recognition of years of service to Senator Erika Geiss. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
    Res. #23-009 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to adopt a resolution in recognition of years of service to former State Representative Alex Garza. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk f, hereby of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 9, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Police director reassures township residents

Canton Township Police Director Chad Baugh recently issued a public statement reassuring the community of the dedication to service and the law demonstrated daily by members of the Canton Police Department.

In the public message, Baugh explained that his statement was in response to the tragic death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of Memphis TN public safety officers. Baugh said the members of the Canton Police Department stand against injustice and work every day to serve members of the community.

"The Canton Police Department mourns the loss of Mr. Nichols with our citizens. Our hearts go out to the Nichols family and the families of those living with racial injustice in America. This is indeed a moment for reflection and an opportunity for positive change. We hope and believe that justice will be served in this case so long as we keep bending the arc. Police officers in Memphis wear a badge, and the officers who are responsible for Tyre Nichols death have tarnished the police officer badge and uniform. These actions in Memphis, TN, cause severe distrust. Extraordinary events impact our police officers because they must continue serving in the most challenging times," Baugh said in the prepared statement.

> *Our team is guided by law, policy, and the best practices in policing.*

"Also, I write to our residents to reassure them that we have some of the finest individuals working for our police department. We work daily to develop a workforce who demonstrate the mindset and skills that build a foundation of public trust and service, with a genuine commitment to our racially, economically, politically, socially, and religiously diverse community. Our team is guided by law, policy, and the best practices in policing to ensure our actions serve the Canton community at the highest level.

"Through this time, our officers will continue to serve our community with a focus on building trust through our service that is based on professionalism, integrity, and courage," he continued.

"As our country mourns this tragic event, our officers are prepared for the complexities of today through training and leadership.

The Canton Police Department will continue to find solutions to maintain public support and, most importantly, to be impartial to ensure our citizens feel safe and can thrive. Our mutual trust with the members of our community is the cornerstone of our success. As always, we are here to serve the Canton community, support all of our residents and visitors, and protect life," Baugh reassured township residents.

Warm wishes

Representatives of the Plymouth Township Firefighters Charity Fund present a check for $2,500 to Plymouth Community United Way leaders. Plymouth Community United Way consistently assists the community year after year, a spokesman said, and the township firefighters "look forward to partnering with this great organization in the future." Fire Chief Pat Conley and Township Supervisor Kurt Heise participated in the check presentation.

Community mourning death of 27-year veteran firefighter

The community is mourning the death of Plymouth Township Fire Department Battalion Chief Christopher Mack who died Jan. 31 of heart disease.

Chief Mack, 50, was a 27-year veteran of the Plymouth Township department and his death was mourned with a purple and black banner on fire trucks in the community last week. Chief Mack was remembered by his family and fellow firefighters as a giving person and a loving son. He had great auto body skills and was an automotive aficionado in his off-duty hours, his family said.

Among Chief Mack's survivors are his wife, Monica; his mother, Pamela; his siblings Ronald (Nanci) Shelton and Patricia Wells; nieces and nephews Ronald James, Donny Wayne King, Michael J. Cross and Justine Cross. He is also remembered and mourned by his fellow members of the fire service and his beloved dog, Belle.

Chief Mack was predeceased by his father, William.

Battalion Chief Christopher Mack

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Students

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exceeding the national average range in growth as measured by the Fall 2022 NWEA. In Michigan M-STEP results, Plymouth Canton students are exceeding student achievement rates of their peers in the Great Lakes state in English Language Arts, math, science and social studies by double-digit percentage points.

District Chief Academic Officer Beth Rayl credited the entire district learning community for their commitment to identifying innovative learning and teaching strategies aimed at meeting the needs of all students, including: tailoring and implementing small-group instruction and hybrid learning with both remote and in-person opportunities; intentionally focusing on subjects that require face-to-face instruction at different levels, such as math and literacy at the elementary grades; appropriately pacing and timing instruction to build consistency across the district and providing more than 200 courses for professional development of teachers and staff to equip them with the tools needed in the classroom.

"All stakeholders in P-CCS collaborate to meet the needs of our students, despite great challenges like a global pandemic," Rayl said. "We look forward to continuing to focus on elevating our academic performance while reducing any remaining gaps so all students can continue to achieve success."

In addition to positive achievement results, the NWEA data also tracked student growth nationwide. In contrast to national findings, students in Plymouth Canton Community Schools, in aggregate, performed at or above the national average range in achievement and growth as measured by the fall 2022 NWEA. Unlike the findings for third graders across the nation, students in Grade 3 at Plymouth Canton exceeded their growth norms this fall.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2023 for the following:

COPPER TUBING AND BRASS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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INVITATION TO BID

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LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE DUST CONTROL APPLICATION

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INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2023 for the following:

WATER MAIN REPAIR CLAMPS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023 for the following:

2023 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023, for the following:

2023 Major Roads - Asphalt

HMA pavement inlay/reconstruction (~41,500 square yards) and HMA milling and resurfacing (~10,800 square yards) work at three separate locations, including Lilley, Lotz, and Sheldon Roads in Canton Township. Also included are detail 7 repairs, drainage work, permanent pavement marking and signing, and sidewalk ramp construction.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023 for the following:

2023 Canton Neighborhood Roads Program

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Westland

New mayor outlines first priorities for city

Recently appointed Westland Mayor Michael P. Londeau has announced five new initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors to the city. These initiatives, Londeau said in a prepared statement, were prepared with input from city staff members, community residents and local leaders, and "reflect a commitment to sustainable growth, quality of life improvements and a brighter future for all."

Londeau said the city will re-implement a leaf pick-up program by the fall of 2023 along with an upgrade and streamlining of the bulk trash pick-up process in an effort to make it more customer friendly and simpler to navigate.

He said the city will also implement a Neighborhood Makeover Program 2.0 following the recently completed first 5-year cycle of the Neighborhood Makeover Plan.

"We will be implementing the next phase which will dig deeper into neighborhood improvement needs with an augmented plan which emphasizes identifying any and all deficient or hazardous sidewalks in Westland's neighborhoods.

"Once this is completed, we will then begin with the process of replacing / repairing any problem areas at no cost to homeowners," Londeau said in the announcement.

The mayor said the city would also establish a task force within the administration to explore the possibility of purchasing the Westland Shopping Center. In addition, he said, city administration would explore any and all opportunities for a recreational complex to be constructed on the city-owned property along Ford Road.

"These initiatives are a crucial step in creating a better future for our residents. We are dedicated to making Westland a more vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive community for all," Londeau stated.

In addition, Londeau also announced that his office would be scheduling a series of community summits at various locations around the city.

Michael P. Londeau

Inspire Theatre schedules 'Producers' auditions

Auditions for the Inspire Theatre production of Mel Brook's "The Producers" are scheduled for 6 until 9 p.m. next Monday, Feb. 13 and Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road.

Casting will include roles for a scheming producer and his mousy accountant who aim to produce the biggest flop on Broadway. Max Bialystock and Leopold Bloom have discovered a surefire way to make a fortune on Broadway: raise millions from little old lady investors, produce the worst play ever and then run off with the money when the play closes on opening night. They think they've found their play in "Springtime for Hitler" - but anything can happen when the lights go down on Broadway.

Performances are set for three weekends, June 10 through 26.

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The acting portion of the audition will include cold readings and auditioners will be taught a portion of a song from the show for the vocal audition. The dance audition will include an instructed routine. Auditioners should wear loose clothing in which to be able to move.

Those planning to audition should plan on arriving before 6 p.m. to complete paperwork and should remain for the entire try-out sessions.

The cast will include 10 men and 10 women.

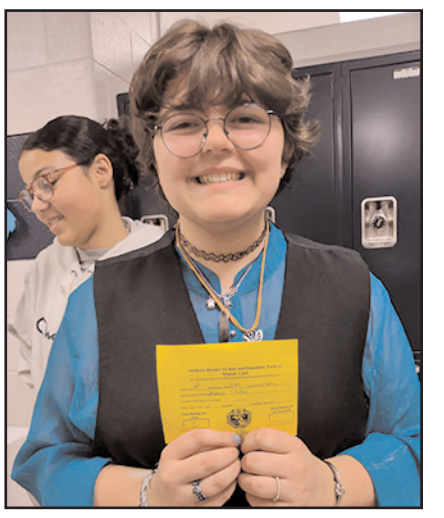
Details of roles and ensemble requirements are listed at: inspiretheatre.com.

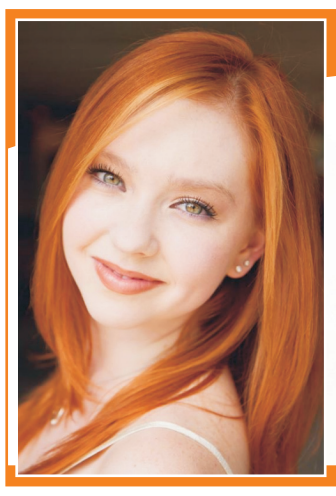
Veteran support

Westland Facilities Director and Veteran Liaison Vic Barra visited American House Senior Living Communities recently to accept their generous donation of $1,216 in support of local veterans. Staff members at American House raise money annually through their "Giving Tree" initiative, and this year they decided to help local veterans at the VFW Bova Post #9885. Barra was joined by American House Administrator Debbie Adams well as U.S. Army veteran Frank Maguire and U.S. Air Force Veteran Stephen Wozniak. The veterans' group is currently hosting a fish fry from 4 until 9 p.m. every Friday at the 6440 Hix Road location in Westland. Meals include three pieces of battered cod, French fries and Cole slaw for $14.

All the right notes

Jessicah Chiles, a student at Adams Middle School, received a rating of 1 (Superior), the highest rating achievable, at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival earlier this month. The music festival is an opportunity for individual students from member schools to perform a selection of their choice for adjudication. In addition, students or groups earning a Superior rating are qualified for thee State Solo and Ensemble Festival, which will take place in March. District educators congratulated Chiles on her exceptional performance and wished her well in the upcoming competition.





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NORTHVILLE

Let's TALK

Library offering literacy programs for pre-school children

The Northville Public Library wants to "TALK" to parents of children younger than 5.

A new library program "TALK: Text and Learn" is an opt-in test messaging service that offers a variety of early literacy ideas for parents to enjoy with young children.

Registrants will receive about eight to 10 text messages per month that suggest fun activities parents can do with their children. Example texts include:

PLAY: Show baby their face in the mirror, try to get them smiling or cooing at themselves. Baby can learn about their body and build social skills.

READ: Babies like to open and close books, hand them to you, or stack them like blocks. This makes books fun and trains baby's eyes and muscles to work together.

SING: Put on a concert with your toddler. Invite all of the stuffed animals. Use spoons as your microphones and sing your favorite songs.

TALK: As your child washes up ask, "What sound does sss-oap start with? What else starts with the sss sound?" Work together to list words like sock and silly.

These activities were developed by librarians, reviewed by staff from Washtenaw Literacy and parents from the Washtenaw County Success by 6 Great Start Collaborative, and are based on the Every Child Ready To Read program that encourages families to read, write, sing, talk, and play together. Recipients may also receive text notifications for local library storytimes and other free, children's events.

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The program was developed in 2017 with the intention of helping parents get their children ready for school success and make any time learning time. TALK helps build pre-literacy skills, including hearing letter sounds, building hand muscles and dexterity, and recognizing letters and numbers. Activities also encourage the building of STEM and social-emotional skills. There are currently 205 libraries participating across Michigan and Indiana, and more libraries are joining daily.

TALK has a helpful FAQ section on its website, located online at: textolearn.com. TALK is also active on Facebook, which can be found online at: https://bit.ly/FBTALK

TALK will not share registrant's information with anyone and is stored on secure servers. TALK only asks for the child's birthday to make sure activities are tailored to their age and the family zip code to send relevant local event information. TALK is an optional service.

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

For more information, visit Northville District Library on Facebook at: https://fb.me/e/1tmeL5Nyb, visit our website at: northvillelibrary.org, email our Head of Youth Services: Caryn Bartone at cbartone@northvillelibrary.org or telephone the library at (248) 349-3020 ext. 212.

Fire marshal urges clearing of snow from hydrants

Northville Township Fire Marshal Tom Hughes recently reminded businesses and residents of the impact cold weather and snow could have on emergency response services.

Hughes reminded the public that heavy snow and frigid temperatures present challenges to firefighters and rescue services and suggested that residents and businesses contact snow contractors or property maintenance companies to ensure that fire hydrants are kept clear and accessible. Continued snowfalls, he said, hinder the department ability to locate the fire hydrants quickly which could impair fire suppression operations.

"Please clear at least 3-feet in all directions" around hydrants he noted. "Each hydrant is equipped with two outlets that allow fire hose to be connected. Please ensure that these outlets are also cleared to the street."

> *In emergencies, every second counts.*

Hughes reminded residents that in addition to creating a delay, snow covered or blocked hydrants are a violation of the township fire code.

He also reminded residents to clear driveways and walkways as soon as possible. Heavy snow creates access issues and delays for both fire and medical emergencies, he said. "In emergencies, every second counts and maintaining clear access will help us provide a high level of service," he added.

Hughes suggested that residents also be aware that the cold temperatures result in multiple pipe breaks and floods every year, caused by frozen pipes from fire sprinkler systems, residential sprinkler systems and general domestic water.

"These breaks will normally occur as the weather warms up after the initial single digit temperatures," he said. Residents should keep thermostats turned up especially at night or when on vacation, he explained in the communication posted on social media.

Hughes suggested that questions or concerns should be referred to the fire department at (248) 348-5807.

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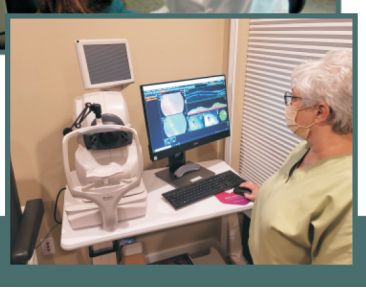

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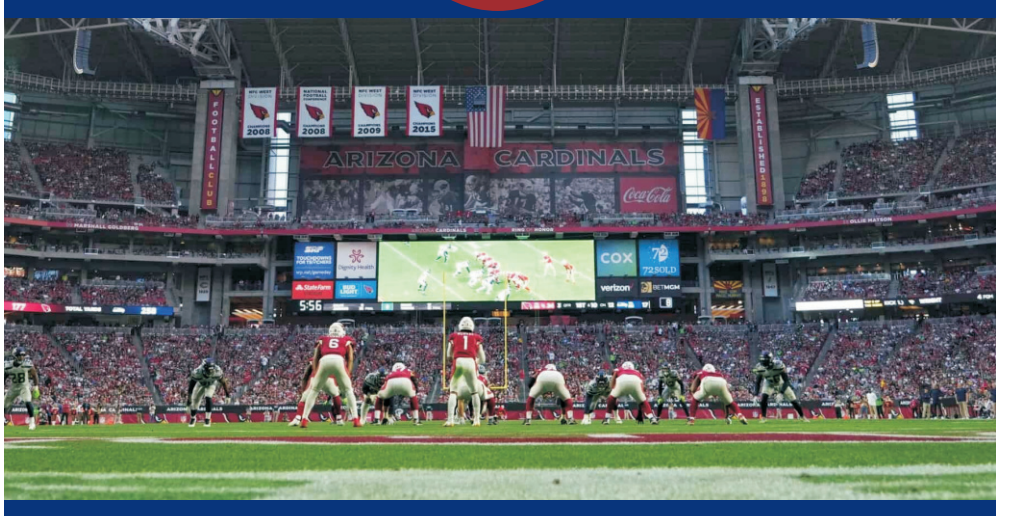

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Sumpter - Wayne

Flying high

District students' proposal will be on board Space X craft

Fifth-grade students at Winter-Walker Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district are over the moon after learning a recent class project will be an experiment on the International Space Station.

Students worked for several weeks designing and testing microgravity experiments for the 2022 Student Spaceflight Experiments Program Mission 17 to the International Space Station. Students from Adams Middle School, Franklin Middle School, John Glenn High School and Stevenson Middle School also worked on the design project, but the program prepared by Winter-Walker students will be the first from the district to be flown to the space station.

After nine weeks of research, experiment design, and proposal writing, a national panel of experts selected the Winter-Walker proposal to be on board an outgoing SpaceX spacecraft. The students' work will spend a few weeks on board the ISS after blasting off from Kennedy Space Center atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.

The team created a project centered around cultivating lion's mane mushrooms in space and the project is currently undergoing the optimization process. The experiment is tentatively set to go to space in June and will spend four to six weeks aboard the ISS, where astronauts will follow instructions provided by the student team to complete the investigation in space. Then, the results will be returned to Earth, and the students will compare those that went into space with identical samples that stayed on Earth.

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Students in grades K-12 will also have the opportunity to design a piece of art commemorating Wayne-Westland Community Schools SSEP Mission 17 experience, and one winning patch from grades K-5 and one patch from grades 6-12 will be selected to accompany the Winter-Walker Elementary experiment to the ISS. The two winning mission patches will spend four to six weeks on the ISS and then be returned to the students embossed as "flown in space."

The Student Spaceflight Experiments Program is a program of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESSE) in the U.S. and the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Space Education internationally. It is enabled through a strategic partnership with Nanoracks LLC, which is working with NASA under a Space Act Agreement as part of the utilization of the International Space Station as a National Laboratory.

Sumpter trustees approve Five Year Recreation Plan

The purpose of a public hearing regarding the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan in Sumpter Township Jan. 10 apparently confused some of those in attendance.

As audience members continued to question plans for the renovation and reconstruction of the parks, officials repeatedly explained that there had been no plans as yet submitted or proposed for any such major park project. Officials explained that the plan being discussed for approval was the five-year parks and recreation plan which did not include any major renovations or changes. Those plans, trustees explained, would come at a future date and be publicly discussed before any action would be taken.

The Jan. 10 hearing was scheduled solely for public input on the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the township. That agenda item was eventually approved during the regular meeting of the board members which followed the public hearing.

Chris Nordstrom who worked on the five-year plan said he thought the plan presented to the board members met the expressed wishes of township residents. He told the board members that there were grants available in the amounts of $300,000 and $150,000 for park projects. He said that a brief survey of township residents determined that priorities were useable facilities for children and seniors and trail development at the current township parks. He said there was no consensus among those surveyed of the location of trails but the preserving of natural resources was important to township residents who responded to the survey.

One resident questioned the proposed plan saying that he believed there were only 24 responses to the survey which, he said, was not a good indicator of what people in the township want. "People like it the way it is," he said.

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He said the park had been damaged and neglected during the past two years and the drug problems at the parks "have been a disgrace." He told the board members that the lavatories at the parks were unusable and that vehicles speed up and down the streets leading to the park entrance. He suggested the township repurpose one of the police cars being replaced and use the vehicle for security at the park which he described as "a simple solution."

"It's only one mile to the MetroParks with more amenities," he said, criticizing previously discussed suggestions for reconstruction or improvements at the park.

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